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PODOCNEMIS ERYTHROCEPHALA (Redhead River Turtle).
BRAZIL: PARÁ: Santarém. 1999. Collector unknown. Linha de Pesquisa em Herpetologia da Amazônia, Faculdades Integradas do Tapajós (LPHA 639-40, LPHA 992, LPHA 1201), Verified by Marcelo E. B. Dezincourt, Pritchard and Trebbau (1984, The Turtles of Venezuela. SSAR Contrib. Herpetol. 2:1-403 + 47 color plates + 16 maps) cite old museum specimens (e.g., MCZ 3414 collected in 1886) that suggested the occurrence of the species in or near Tefé and Santarém. However, they do not affirm that the species occurs at those localities. Mittermeier and Wilson (1974): “were unable you find specimens in either of these towns in 1973, and local inhabitants were unfamiliar with the species.” These specimens confirm the occurrence of the species at Santarém, at the confluence of the Amazonas and Tapajós rivers (Pritchard and Trebbau 1984, op. cit.; Mittermeier and Wilson 1974, Papéis Avulsos Zool. 28[8]:147–162).

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Verified by William G. Degenhardt. New county record; extends range ca. 79 km NE of nearest record from Ute Creek in Harding County (Degenhardt et al. 1996, Amphibians and Reptiles of New Mexico. Univ. New Mexico Press, Albuquerque. xix + 431 pp.)

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CYCLURA CARINATA CARINATA (Turks and Caicos Rock Iguana). TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS: J. A. G. S. MCCARTNEY CAY. 21 January 1999. Numi C. Mitchell. Photographed only. Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ Color Print 10247). Verified by David Clare. Given the high specimen density we observed in regions of the island visited, and the size of the island (4.5 km x 0.25 km), J. A. G. S. McCartney Cay may support several thousand iguanas and would therefore represent an important sub-population. Extends known range ca. 16 km SE of Joe Grant’s Cay and ca. 200 m N of Middle Creek Cay, Caicos Islands (Coastal Systems International, Inc. 1998, Strategic environmental assessment for Big Ambergris Cay, Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies. Report to the Physical Planning Department, Ministry of Natural Resources, Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies; Schwartz and Henderson 1991, Amphibians and Reptiles of the West Indies: Descriptions, Distributions and Natural History. Univ. Florida Press, Gainesville. 720 pp.).